

Applicants respectfully traverse the second restriction requirement and maintain their traverse of the first restriction requirement since examination of the pending claims does not appear to require separate or burdensome searches as alleged in the Office Action. Moreover, efficient examination of the application will be impeded by the multiple restriction requirements that further multiply the prosecution costs several fold while imposing significant administrative costs on the applicant.

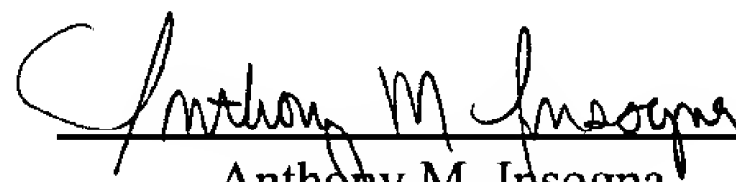
However, in the event the restriction is maintained, applicants hereby provisionally elect as species 1 (identity of the additional component) from the three species identified by the Office Action of March 27, 2002. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the elected claims read on the elected species.

Applicants have traversed the restriction requirement in the Office Action and hereby request that either the restriction requirement be withdrawn in view of the reasons recited herein or be made final. An early allowance of the application is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions concerning the foregoing.

It is estimated that no fee in addition to that required for the extension of time is necessary for filing this response. In the event a fee is required, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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